**Setting up of Secretaries' panel to discuss issues raised by CVC**

1644. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up a Secretaries panel to discuss the issues raised by the Chief Vigilance Commissioner including the need to remove the misplaced fear of vigilance in the minds of senior public sector executives;

(b) if so, whether the Chief Vigilance Commissioner met the Prime Minister and had appraised the initiatives taken by the Commission for the last one year of its formation; and

(c) whether the Committee has given its recommendations on these issues; if so, what steps have been taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Committee has not given any recommendation.

**Initiatives taken to stop misuse of Public Sector Undertakings**

1645. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh initiatives have been taken to insulate the Public Sector Undertakings against their misuse through political pressures, with a view to ensuring both autonomy and accountability in their functioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific instances of misuse, if any, of the PSUs which prompted a review of the existing guidelines on their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) met the Prime Minister on October 16th, 2003 in which the CVC delineated various measures to build both autonomy and accountability in the functioning of Public Sector Undertakings, including the need to remove the misplaced fear of vigilance in the minds set of senior public sector executives. At the end of the meeting, the Prime Minister directed the Cabinet Secretary to hold a meeting of Committee of Secretaries to discuss the points raised by CVC. The first meeting of Committee of Secretaries on above issues has taken place on 14th November, 2003.

**National Wage Policy for Government Employees**

1646. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has suggested to formulate a 'National Wage Policy' to outline a uniform pay structure for Government employees in all the States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

**Review of job description, qualifications and experience for board level posts in PSUs**

1647. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the job description, qualifications and experience for Board level posts in the PSUs;

(b) if so, what is the departure from the earlier eligibility procedure;

(c) whether the proposed norms would be a complete departure from the earlier ones; and